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**Dear Federal Communications Commission,**

**Please submit my comments to the FCC's "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" 05-311 on "video franchising". It is important that communities and local citizens have control over the telecommunications and media in their neighborhoods. Local franchising is an important part of this equation because it empowers communities and local citizens to make sure companies charge reasonable rates, provide universal service and respond to customer concerns.**

**Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) TV is important in providing a venue for local government affairs and airing programs where community organizations and individuals can express their divergent opinions. PEG TV provides noncommercial programming for the disabled, youth, seniors multi-lingual programming for ethnic communities and others that are frequently neglected by commercial media. Local franchises are an important part of helping in the airing of PEG TV. To keep democracy safe it is important that a multitude of opinions be available to all people.**

**I strongly suggest that the FCC rule for the maintenance of local franchises.**

**Yours truly,  
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